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Hongkong, 1st August, 1895.

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Annum on the Daily Balance.

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T. H. WHITEHEAD,
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Hongkong, 2nd June, 1897.

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Hongkong, 11th March, 1898.

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I. SHEWWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1898.

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

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FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
STRAITS &c.	Socotra	J. Paine, R.N.R.	11 AM., 6th April...	Freight only.
NAGASAKI &c.	Hyakko	L. Daniel	10 AM., 7th April...	Freight only.
YOKOHAMA &c.	Candido	G. K. Wright, R.N.R.	About 13th April...	Freight or Passage.
JAPAN, &c.	Carolan	D. C. Gregor, R.N.R.	About 13th April...	Freight or Passage.
SHANGHAI	Cormorant	F. N. Tillard	About 14th April...	Freight or Passage.
LONDON	Sunda	S. G. D. Andrews, R.N.R.	About 14th April...	Freight or Passage.
LONDON, &c.	Chusan	E. Street	Noon, 15th April...	Freight or Passage.
JAPAN	Rehilla	S. de B. Lockyer, R.N.R.	Daylight, 17th April...	Freight or Passage.

(Passing through the Inland Sea).

(See Special Advertisement)

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H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1898.

Intimations.

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SUPERINTENDENT.....

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., General Agents.

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Intimations.

HONGKONG ODD VOLUMES SOCIETY.

SIR JOHN CARRINGTON, C.M.G., has
kindly consented to deliver a Lecture
upon "VOLUNTEERING" in the CITY HALL,
TO-MORROW, the 6th of APRIL, at 5.15 P.M.;
His Excellency Major-General WILSON
BLACK, C.B., will take the chair.

Ladies are invited and members may ask
their friends.

HENRY E. POLLOCK,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1898. [469]

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875,
the Undersigned BANKS will be
CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business
on FRIDAY, the 8th April (GOOD
FRIDAY) and on MONDAY the 11th (Easter
MONDAY).

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION, T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED, G. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA,
LIMITED, JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong Agency.

F. AUGUSTIN,
Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED,
HONGKONG, E. L. HUNTER,
Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED,
S. CHOH, Agent.

Hongkong, 31st March, 1898. [455]

INSURANCE HOLIDAYS.

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General Managers,

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N. J. EDE, Secretary,

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
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W. H. PERCIVAL, Agent,

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WEDNESDAY.

HARRY LYONS,

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Hongkong, 4th April, 1898. [439]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL

THE Company's Steamship

T

"DARDANUS."

Captain Gregory, will be despatched as above

TO-MORROW, the 6th instant at 10 A.M.

Agents.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1898. [403]

FOR SINGAPORE PENANG AND

CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR."

Captain K. H. Sandberg, will be despatched for

the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 6th instant,

at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Agents.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1898. [468]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,

LIMITED.

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THE Company's Steamship

T

"NANCHANG."

Captain Finlayson, will be despatched as above

on MONDAY, the 12th instant, at 3 P.M.

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Hongkong, 5th April, 1898. [481]

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [30]

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the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the
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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1897.

TELEGRAMS.

("HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SPECIAL)

BRITAIN AND CHINA.

THE "OPEN" POLICY.

NEW PORT IN THE NORTH.

TIENTSIN, April 4th.

The British Consul at Tientsin announces
the opening of Chin-wang-tao, in the Fu-ni
district of Chih-li province, as a

treaty port.

BRITAIN AND CHINA.

BRITAIN ACTUALLY ASKS FOR
SOMETHING!

INCREDIBLE AGGRESSIVENESS.

A SOP THROWN TO THE LION.

SURELY A "BUNDER."

SHANGHAI, April 5th.

The Peking Correspondent of the *Shang-hai Mercury* telegraphs that Great Britain
has taken a decisive step; several days
ago she informed China that she intended
to make arrangements for eventually
taking possession of Wei-hai-wei. China
raised all possible objections, but eventually
consented, on finding that Russia and Japan
did not oppose the British scheme.It is reported here that Russia, with
Britain's approval, has undertaken to give
Japan a free hand in Korea; also it is
rumoured that Britain intends to take
possession of the Chusan Islands, and
establish and fortify a coaling station
there.

THE PRIZE BUNDER.

CANTON TAKES THE CAKE.

WAR BROKEN OUT!

BLOOD AND FIRE!

CANTON, April 5th.

A private telegram from the north has
been received by a person in a high position
here, asserting positively that the
Japanese and British warships have
commenced firing on the Russians in Port
Arthur.

[Don't believe it for a moment.—Ed. H.K.T.]

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

THE WRECK OF THE "CHINA."

LONDON, April 3rd.

The prospects of floating the P. & O. S. S.
China (stranded at Perim) are improving.

OBITUARY.

Orion, the Triton of the UNITED STATES.

The situation is most critical. President
McKinley will send a Message to Congress on
Tuesday. Some of the European Powers are
strongly pressing Spain to grant an armistice
in Cuba with a view to a permanent peace.
The Pope is also intervening through the nuncio
in Madrid and the bishop in the United States.

M. ZOLA'S SENTENCE.

M. Zola's sentence has been quashed.

GREAT BRITAIN AND CHINA.

Sir Claude McDonald has held some impor-
tant conferences with the Tsung-lu Yamen,
demanding concessions to redress the balance
of power which has been upset by the con-
cessions to Russia. The British fleet is gradually
converging on the Gulf of Pechili.

PLAQUE STATISTICS.

During the 24 hours up to noon, 4th April,
16 new cases and 10 deaths from plague were
reported, making the total since 1st January (94
days) 267 cases and 230 deaths.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The scores in the lawn tennis match played on
the Cricket Ground yesterday were as follows—

L. R. C. 83 games, Cricket Club 74.

The returns of the number of visitors to the City
Hall Museum for the week ended April 3rd
are—Europeans, 194; Chinese, 2,794; total
4,988.The Russian armoured cruiser *Vladimir Monomach*,
5,750 tons displacement, arrived here from
Singapore today. She is commanded by Prince
Puchotomsky.We regret to be compelled to hold over
until to-morrow our reports of the farewell cere-
monies on Mr. Wodehouse, the licensing
sessions, and the wise caution of our correspon-
dent in repudiating responsibility for the rumour.Russia still holds and will continue to hold
Port Arthur and Talienan, and Britain will not
prevent it by force and cannot by any other means. What-
ever specious promises Russia may make, this is a death-blow to British trade in

Manchuria.

But the British Government has not
been altogether idle—if the present reports
are correct. Chin-wang-tao, apparently
some coast place near Shan-hai-kwan, is
to be made a treaty port; Wei-hai-wei
is to be leased by Great Britain, presumably
after Japan has been paid off and has
evacuated; and the Chusan Islands
are to be annexed and fortified as a coaling
station. Probably this is true, for it is
difficult to believe that the fust and fuds
of naval demonstrations can have been
all for nothing. There has been a regular
scramble, almost a stampede, of warships
northward, and Britain has managed to
steal out of her rivals point by point,
all along the line. Hearty thanks to the
Navy League for this. It is comforting to
know so much has been done; but it is
disheartening to see how little we have
got for it all—even if it be true that we
have got anything.A CHINESE coolie was sentenced to twenty-eight
days' hard labour at the Police Court to-day for
assaulting an apprentice engineer in the Flushing
Docks. The apprentice, who was attempting
to weigh the weighing of coal, caught the coolie
cheating and his endeavours to protect the
interests of his employer were rewarded with an
attack by the world-be-thief.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 1898.

were not prepared to advocate any scheme of Imperial registration embracing both the Colonies and the United Kingdom, on account of the proportions such an a devastating would necessarily entail and the great attendant cost of having comprehensive departments in each Colony. At the same time they recognized the importance of marks for local trade being able to claim the protection of registration, and accordingly the Government were requested to ask the Attorney-General to give an opinion on certain points and confirm or otherwise certain conclusions. This was done, and the Attorney-General, in a minute on the subject, expressed the opinion that the registration in this Colony is only prima facie evidence of the right to a trade mark, and evidence of a prior substantive registration in England would be admissible to defeat the prima facie proof of the local register, but when application has been made in Hongkong before the date of registration in the United Kingdom, the local registration should confer prior right in this Colony. (Appendix L)

THE QUESTION OF DATING BILLS OF LADING.
This question, which been very largely discussed in London and various British ports, was brought to the notice of the Committee by the President of the General Produce Brokers' Association of London, and in conformity with his request, the correspondence on the subject was circulated among the members of the Chamber. The practice had not, however, so far as could be ascertained, caused any serious inconvenience locally, and the Committee saw no reason to proceed further in the matter. (Appendix M.)

THE DANGEROUS COAST OF SOCOTRA.

The wreck of the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Athena* on the coast of Socotra last summer, attended as it was by a sad loss of life, induced your Committee to make representations to the Board of Trade as to the necessity for a comprehensive investigation to ascertain by what means the shores of Socotra can be rendered less dangerous to navigation. Various other Chambers addressed communications to the Home Government on the subject, and there is reason to believe that they will not prove barren of results, replies received below to the effect that the matter is engaging the careful attention of the Board of Trade. (Appendix N.)

THE RECOGNITION OF BRITISH BUSINESSES ESTABLISHED PRIOR TO OPENING OF PORT.

A question of some interest has been opened up by the refusal of the British Consular Representative at Shashi to recognize a branch agency opened at that port some fifteen years ago by Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Limited, as a British firm, on the ground that it will raise two other questions, namely, the nationality of the branch before the port was opened, and that of similar establishments in places which are not Treaty Ports. Some correspondence has passed on the subject, and in September a letter was addressed to the British Minister praying him to exert his protection to the firm's branch at Shashi; but no answer has been received up to the present. (Appendix O.)

GOVERNMENT PIERS.

In November last a Committee having been appointed by His Excellency the Governor to consider and report on the position and arrangement of the new Government piers, this Chamber was requested to nominate a rep responsible to serve thereon, and Mr. N. J. Ede, having consented to undertake the duty, was nominated accordingly by your Committee. (Appendix Q.)

ALLIED OFFICIAL INTERESTS WITH TRADE IN KWANGSI.

Complaint having been lodged by Mr. F. W. Wattis, with H.B.M.'s Consul at Canton of the action of the native officials at Fu Chuen, in Kwangsi, to prevent the alleged owner of a coal mine from fulfilling a contract to deliver certain consignments, the support of this Chamber was then invoked for a claim intended to be made. Representations were therefore made to the Consul, who brought the case to the notice of the Viceroy and requested him to call on the local officials for an explanation. Further action is suspended pending receipt of this explanation, which the native officials are apparently in no hurry to give. (Appendix R.)

PROPOSED POLL TAX ON IMMIGRANTS IN STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

A Bill having been introduced into the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements to provide funds for the erection of Immigrant's Examination Sheds, whereby it was proposed to levy a capital tax on each male adult Chinese Immigrant, your Committee addressed a remonstrance to the Government of the sister Colony, praying for reconsideration of the proposal and expressing a hope that some other means might be resorted to for raising the funds required. To this a reply was received stating that the Bill had already been withdrawn and that the necessary funds would be otherwise provided. (Appendix S.)

REGISTRATION OF CHINESE TRADE MARKS.

The Singapore Chamber of Commerce, having been asked by the Straits Government to consider the policy of passing an Ordinance to that Colony for the registration of Chinese Trade Marks, applied to this Chamber for information as to the operation of such Ordinance in Hongkong. The Singapore Chamber feared that the working of such a system of registration would be attended with various disadvantages, but your Committee were able to give an assurance that the law in its working here has on the whole as far proved beneficial to trade and neither costly nor inconvenient. (Appendix T.)

THE COURT OF QUESTORS.

An invitation was received early in September from the Singapore Chamber of Commerce to join that body in taking action to induce the Governments of both Colonies to secure fixity of exchange and place the currency on a sounder basis. Your Committee, recognizing the great importance of the question, lost no time in considering the suggestion, but having regard to the very different position of Hongkong, which is situated on the edge of the greatest silver-bearing Empire in the world, with which its trade is mainly conducted, and from whose currency it would be impracticable to attempt a separation, they were compelled to decline the proposal to co-operate in the matter, or to recommend to the local Government any change in the existing currency. (Appendix U.)

OPENING OF NEW TREATY PORTS IN COREA.

In July last an official notification reached this Chamber of the intention of the Corean Government to open the ports of Chempang and Mukpo to foreign trade on the 1st October, on which date the ports in question were duly opened. (Appendix V.)

DOUBT TO JAPANESE DIRECT EXPORTERS OF RAW SILK.

An attempt to divert the export trade in Raw Silk from Japan into native hands, was made early last year by the Japanese Diet, who passed a Bill to provide for the payment to direct Japanese exporters of Raw Silk of a bounty upon their shipments from Japan to foreign countries. This bounty being not only opposed to the spirit of the existing Treaties but also to the actual provisions of those lately negotiated but not yet in force, the Yokohama Chamber of Commerce took prompt and vigorous action, addressed the Doyen of the Diplomatic Body at Tokyo on the subject and asked the co-operation of the various Chambers in the Far East in the matter. This Chamber responded to the appeal, expressing readiness to co-operate in any steps to procure a reversal of the Japanese policy, but happily further action was rendered unnecessary by the Japanese Government agreeing to introduce a Bill into the Diet in December last to abolish the Bounty. (Appendix W.)

The Agent of the Chartered Bank leaves us with his amiable wife next week, and one or two other fittings are taking place. The first rail of the stairs is falling as I write, and making everything dismal.

News has just reached me from Peking to the effect that France has virtually got all she asks for, a port in the South on lease to a German, and a promise that the four southern provinces shall not be conceded to any other Power, also that the postal service will be separated from the Customs and placed under French direction.

PRESENTATION TO CAPTAIN WILLIAMS.

Captain Williams, of the China Navigation Company's Australia Line, *Changsha*, lately arrived from the south, has been presented with the following address:-

To JAMES E. WILLIAMS, Commander,
S.S. *Changsha*.

Dear Sir,-We, the undersigned, passengers, feel that we cannot leave your ship without expressing our high appreciation of your courtesy to us during the voyage, and also of your extreme kindness and consideration for the ladies during rough weather.

The voyage, from start to finish, has been one of exceeding pleasure to everyone, and it is with extreme regret that we now find ourselves on the eve of separation.

Throughout your ship, your consideration for your passengers has, we feel sure, been the cause of all your officers and these under you doing all in their power to contribute to the comfort of those on board.

The menu throughout has been of the best and much appreciated.

We trust that it may be our good luck to again travel under your able guidance on some future occasion.

In bidding you adieu, we tender you our best wishes for a continuance of your successful command.

We remain,
Dear Sir,
Yours sincerely,
(Signed by all the passengers.)

Hongkong, April 1898.

THE TRIAL OF ZOLA.

SKETCH OF THE SCENE IN COURT.

Though the Court only began to sit at noon, long before ten o'clock the precincts of the Palace of Justice were thronged. Policemen in groups of three and four patrolled the boulevard in front of the court, and guarded the corners of the streets. At each entrance to the Palace there was a long queue of people kept in order by the Municipal Guard. These people belong to a particular type. Ever since the commencement of the war they, or rather their like, have waited patiently outside a do or, knowing that it is hermetically closed to them. As a matter of fact, there was nothing whatever to-day to prevent their going in. I drove up in a cab says P. M. Cassette correspondent, paid the cabman, and passed at once unchallenged through the grille. The Municipal Guard at the rate could not have known whether I had a ticket or not. He did not question it for a moment. It was not his business to do so. The crowd hooted, and remarked bitterly that I was a Prussian. I am not a Prussian. But these stood, and doubtless still stand, that patient, incomprehensible, but eternal Partition crowd, which is necessary to all great occasions, for it supplies the indispensable cache of sensationalism. They are the queen, and having more experience than any other queue in any other country they are admirably disciplined and perfectly well-behaved. They range up in the strictest order, never trespassing on the gutter or breaking a geometrical line. The police have no difficulty in keeping them in order.

A TERRIBLE CRUSH.

Thanks to the unvarying courtesy of the President of the French Judicial Police, who this year reported that Japan had definitely sent Russia an ultimatum, and that war would be declared if this was not our face is saved; but it is not Japan does not strike a blow the situation is one which it is very unpleasant to contemplate and most perplexing to understand. If Japan declares war, the mystery of Lord Salisbury's attitude is explained, and we shall have the almost certain satisfaction of seeing the Russians cleared out of Port Arthur without involving ourselves in half a dozen wars. I have received repeated assurances from responsible quarters that England has financed Japan and a pretty confident feeling is expressed here that war must soon break out. So many funny things have happened, however, that one hardly knows what to count on.

The Russians here are not naturally looking a few inches taller than us, and they will no doubt indulge in a little "side" in a variety of ways. We had a Landsteiner meeting here a few days ago to consider ways and means for carrying out the River Improvement Scheme. The original plan for raising the necessary funds, i.e. by the imposition of a land tax of £1 per month, was negatived by the Consul after three months' deliberation, as certain of the foreign representatives were found not to be possessed of power to enact or impose such a tax. The Consular body then suggested as an alternative that whatever does on all cargo entering the port be levied, and this has been almost unanimously agreed to by the Commercial Community, the amount of the charge being only one tenth of one percent on value of cargo. The exception to the unanimous vote was Russia, as it was urged that the Russian in the in which nationality is almost entirely interested should be exempted owing to only passing through and not participating in Chinese import trade or consumption. As especially light dues had been fixed for sea, his objection was overruled, though I believe the matter has been referred to the Russian Minister by the aggrieved parties. Meanwhile the scheme has once more gone back to the Consular body, and we can only hope they will show some consideration for the natural impatience of the commercial community and hurry up. I believe the delay before arose out of the unfortunate documents becoming so hopelessly entangled in red tape that nothing could be done. The principles of consular seniority are very good no doubt, but when official etiquette is carried to extremes it becomes a species of fanaticism and might easily end in tragic if it begins in comedy. If the dozen is absent, then surely the next senior consul should act for him, and in matters of importance a quorum of consular representatives should suffice. One is tempted to wonder what on earth would happen in any Chinese port if by some unlucky chance all the consular representatives arrived the same day! According to strict consular etiquette they would or should be thereby relieved of all official responsibility altogether.

You will note that the details of the China-German convention are very interesting, especially clause 4. I think the condition specified after a good trial she doesn't find Kiangsu as self-harm, and to beat the expense of the fitting into the bargain, is the height of international impudence, and a proposal such as never was never made by one Power to another before. The Convention might fail to give poor China a single advantage, and the financial terms of the lease Germany has not thought it necessary even to consider yet!

The Agent of the Chartered Bank leaves us with his amiable wife next week, and one or two other fittings are taking place. The first rail of the stairs is falling as I write, and making everything dismal.

News has just reached me from Peking to the effect that France has virtually got all she asks for, a port in the South on lease to a German, and a promise that the four southern provinces shall not be conceded to any other Power, also that the postal service will be separated from the Customs and placed under French direction.

He would order the court to be cleared. M. Zola then stated his name, profession—homme de lettres—and age, as did his fellow prisoner. The jury, by the way, looked a very average lot of men of the middle class, and I am not disposed to think that they are prejudiced about the case, one way or the other. After a little technical speech from M. Albert Clemenceau, Perroux's lawyer, which was of no general interest, the *griffier* to the court read, in a loud, strong voice, the letter from the Minister of War demanding the prosecution of M. Zola, then read his official "act of accusation" against the prisoners. The Advocate-General, a tall, square-headed man, robed in red, with pepper-and-salt hair and whiskers, spoke in a clear, positive, commanding voice. He made a great use of his hands which are extraordinarily large, with long, knotty fingers—the hands of a Thug. He could have strangled the conclusions of Malte Labori with them, one thought that he would have done so with pleasure. Malte Labori is a blond man of the north, with a rich, violent, domineering voice. Every word he uttered was a roar. He addressed the jury as if he were a colonel commanding a regiment to charge. A mixture of Husky and the "General Boum." In caresses of bass tremolo his words were poured forth. He was a little too melodramatic and his method tends to get on the nerves of the jury.

The first day's proceedings were not of a nature to interest deeply the British public, consisting of a series of wrangles between opposing counsel as to whether or not certain witnesses, mostly military, were justified in declining to obey the subpoena of the court. Permission to do this had been granted to the officers, whose testimony was in demand by the Minister of War. Even if the *huit-clos* is necessary, said Malte Labori, we must have this military evidence. "The *huit-clos* is all you deserve," retorted the Procureur-Général; whereupon Malte Labori, in a most impassioned note, deplored the right of any one, even of the Procureur-Général, to cast a doubt upon his patriotism. This outburst called forth loud applause from the public.

WITNESSES WHO ARE WANTED.

The prisoners' counsel expressed particular anxiety to have the evidence of Major Estebazy (who has declined, on the advice of his superiors, to appear), of General Mercier (also an absconder), and of Mme. de Bondy, who says she is ill. "She is not ill," said M. Clemenceau, the younger; "she is only shamming. She is stopping in bed to-day to cheat the doctors. Send an usher of the court to her house, and you will find this is true." The judge merely smiled at the suggestion. "She possesses," continued Malte Labori, "letters and telegrams from Major Estebazy, much more incriminating than those that were read before the court-martial." General de Boisdeffre had agreed to give evidence on certain points, but this partial concession did not suit M. Zola's lawyers. Even M. Zola rose and in a slightly hesitating voice asked "The Court whether some arrangement could not be come to by which his witness might be forced to give evidence in a straight-forward way. This is the only utterance he made during the day. Finally, after a desultory discussion, the Court made it clear that no evidence could be given which tended to revive the question of Drizy's guilt. Only the subject of M. Zola's alleged libel of the army could be discussed without irrelevancy. What may be the effect upon the jury of this decision is difficult to predict. The Court certainly seemed to be tied down, in a measure by the exigencies of a Government, and more particularly of a Minister of War, who are apparently afraid of certain facts leaking out. It acted, of course within its legal discretion; but Malte Labori's complaint that an attempt was being made to prevent M. Zola from proving the charge on which he is being prosecuted by imposing silence on the most important witnesses acquired at least a superficial air of justification from today's proceedings. To-morrow the chief interest of the trial will commerce with the examination of M. Zola and of those witnesses who are to be allowed to speak.

THE TRIAL OF ZOLA.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1843—Hongkong declared a Crown Colony by Royal Charter.

1847—The Hague Forts destroyed by General d'Agilar.

1868—Cooles mutiny on board the ship *Theresa*.

1897—Wheelbarrow Riots at Shanghai.

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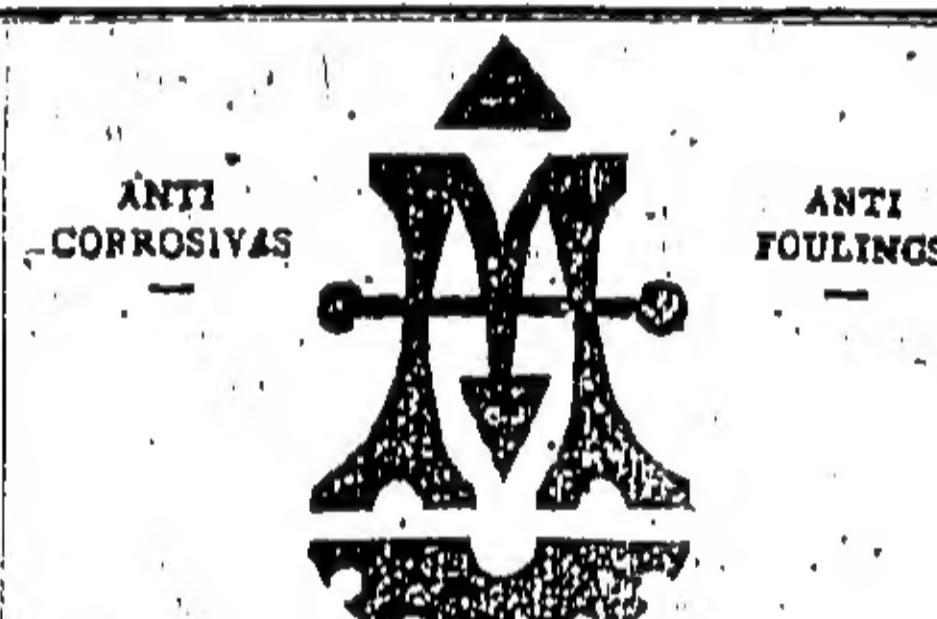
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